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ABSTRACT

This brochure highlights the National Education Goals to be accomplished by the year 2000. They include: ensuring that all children will start school ready to learn; increasing the high school graduation rate; improving learning by establishing challenging academic standards for all students, particularly in mathematics and science; making schools safe and drug-free; improving teaching; encouraging greater parental involvement; and helping all Americans to develop good job skills and become lifelong learners. The goals were developed with bipartisan support from the nation's governors, the Congress and Presidents Clinton and Bush. Three guides for helping communities take action toward reaching the goals are available from the Department of Education. (LMI)

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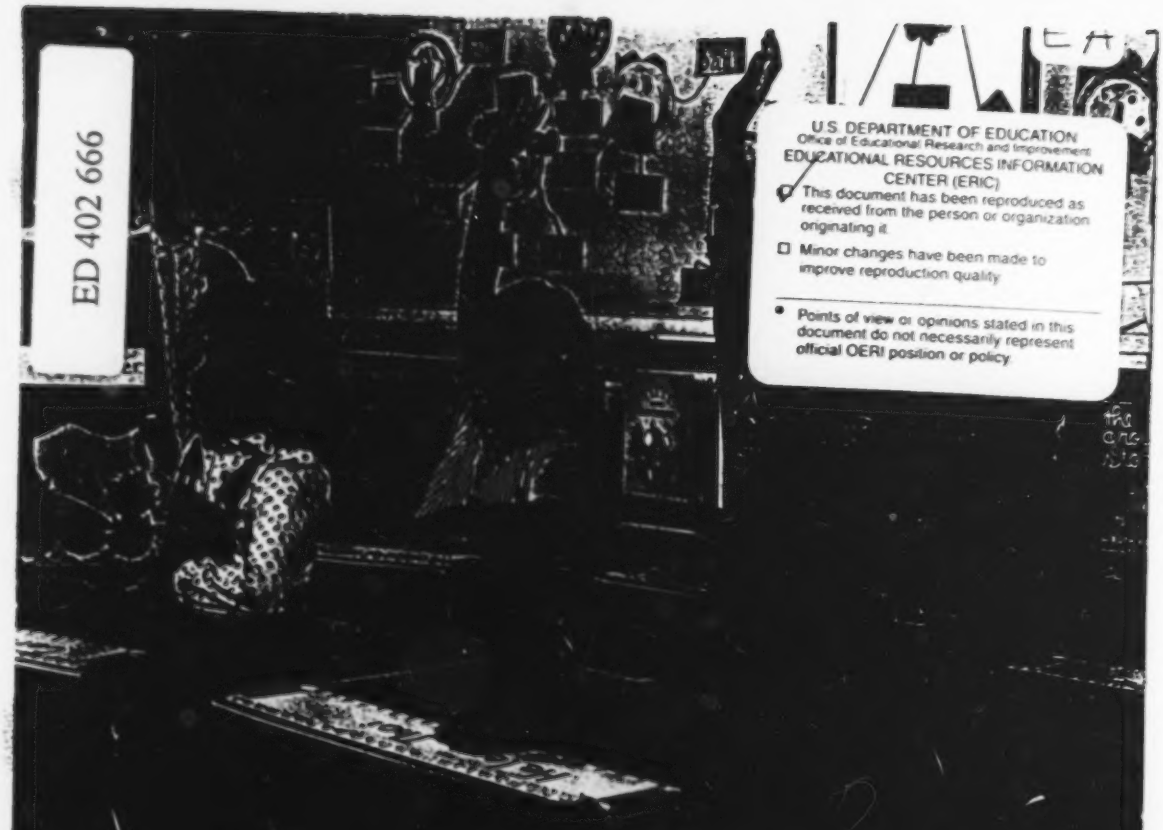

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GO FOR THE GOALS!

The National Education Goals

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It's happening in cities and towns all across the nation...

It's bringing together people from every walk of life who want to give America's children a quality education...

It's the drive to reach the National Education Goals—and you and you community can be a part of it.

What are the National Education Goals?

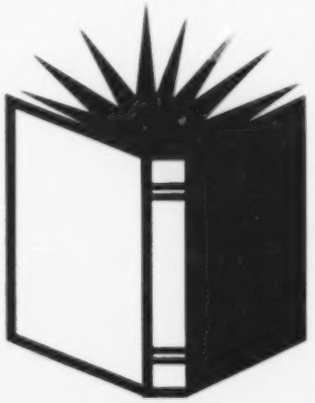
They're a group of specific objectives that common sense and experience tell us we must achieve to make education better. They include: Making schools safe and drug-free; improving learning by establishing challenging academic standards for all students; improving teaching; encouraging greater parental involvement; and helping all Americans to develop good job skills and become lifelong learners. These Goals were developed with bipartisan support from the nation's governors, the Congress, and Presidents Clinton and Bush.

Although they're called "National" Education Goals, they're really "Community" Education Goals, for they're designed to help and guide your local school improvement efforts. Your community can adopt the National Goals and make them your own or develop similar ones.

Remember that setting goals is extremely important—it's easier to get someplace if you know exactly where you're going! You can also measure progress along the way.

With commitment and teamwork, your community can reach the National Education Goals. Develop a plan for doing it. We'll help. Call the U. S. Department of Education at 1-800-USA-LEARN and ask for these helpful guides:

- *An Invitation to Your Community: Building Community Partnerships for Learning*
- *The Community Action Toolkit*
- *Moving America to the Head of the Class: 50 Simple Things You Can Do*



GOALS 2000

THE NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS

By the year 2000...

SCHOOL READINESS—All children in America will start school ready to learn.

SCHOOL COMPLETION—The high school graduation rate will increase to at least 90 percent.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND CITIZENSHIP—All students will leave grades 4, 8, and 12 having demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter including English, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, the arts, history, and geography, and every school in America will ensure that all students learn to use their minds well so they may be prepared for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment in our nation's modern economy.

MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE—U. S. students will be first in the world in mathematics and science achievement.

ADULT LITERACY AND LIFELONG LEARNING—Every adult American will be literate and will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to compete in the global economy and exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

SAFE, DISCIPLINED, AND ALCOHOL- AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS—Every school in the United States will be free of drugs, violence, and the unauthorized presence of firearms and alcohol and will offer a disciplined environment conducive to learning.

TEACHER EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT—The nation's teaching force will have access to programs for the continued improvement of its professional skills and the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to instruct and prepare all Americans for the next century.

PARENTAL PARTICIPATION—Every school will promote partnerships that will increase parental involvement and participation in promoting the social, emotional, and academic growth of children.

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